

# Provisional Certificate Changing to the Standard Teaching Certificate

Michigan's initial teaching certificate is changing from the PROVISIONAL Teaching Certificate to the STANDARD Teaching Certificate. All initial teaching certificates and initial certificate renewals issued from this point forward will be named the Standard Teaching Certificate.

Additional changes to this certificate:

- The Standard Teaching Certificate will be a five-year certificate, not a six-year certificate.
- The Standard Teaching Certificate can be renewed an unlimited number of times with the completion of [education-related professional learning](#), instead of twice.
- Education-related professional learning to renew the Standard Teaching Certificate must be completed since the Standard Teaching Certificate was last issued, but no longer needs to be completed in the three years preceding the date of application.
- The Standard Teaching Certificate can be renewed one-time using an education-related Master's degree or higher earned at any time from a [regionally-accredited college or university](#).
- The Standard Teaching Certificate can be renewed one-time using a valid teaching certificate from another state.
- The Standard Teaching Certificate renewals will be for five years, not three years.

Additionally, the names of existing Provisional Teaching Certificates and Provisional renewals will be changed to Standard. The expiration dates on the existing six-year certificates and three-year renewals will not change, however.

Additional guidance is available for [printing a certificate](#), [Renewing the Standard Teaching Certificate](#), [progressing to the Professional certificate](#), and [education-related professional learning](#).